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SUBJ: KIEV AND NEW YORK CONSULAR DISTRICTS

1. ACTING CHIEF MFA USA DIVISION KOMPLEKTOV HAS FURNISHED FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSAL RE KIEV AND NEW YORK CONSULAR DISTRICTS:

QUOTE

A. CONSULAR DISTRICT FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE USA IN KIEV: THE TERRITORY OF THE UKRAINIAN SSR. ZONE FOR TRAVEL WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION BY PERSONNEL OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES - WITHIN A RADIUS OF 40 KILOMETERS FROM THE CENTER OF KIEV. OTHERWISE THE SAME REGULATIONS CONCERNING TRAVEL AND NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL WILL BE RETAINED AS APPLY NOW TO PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USA IN MOSCOW AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES.

B. CONSULAR DISTRICT FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE USSR IN NEW YORK: THE STATES OF NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY, CONNECTICUT, MASSACHUSETTS, PENNSYLVANIA, MAINE, VERMONT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RHODE ISLAND, OHIO. UNQUOTE

2. IN REGARD TO TRAVEL REGULATIONS, KOMPLEKTOV SAID THAT SOVIET PROPOSAL REGARDING KIEV ASSUMED APPLICATION OF US TRAVEL CONTROLS ON STAFF OF SOVIET CONGEN ANALOGOUS TO THOSE APPLIED TO SMUN. HE ALSO SAID THAT IN SOVIET VIEW, DISTRICTS COULD

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BE ESTABLISHED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AS WAS CASE IN REGARD

TO LENINGRAD AND SAN FRANCISCO CONSULAR DISTRICTS.

3. DCM NOTED THAT HE COULD NOT OF COURSE PROVIDE OFFICIAL REPLY, BUT THAT IT HAD BEEN OUR HOPE THAT BOTH SIDES WOULD DETERMINE THEIR OWN DISTRICTS, AND QUESTIONED IN PARTICULAR WHY MOLDAVIA EXCLUDED FROM KIEV DISTRICT, SINCE IT IS OBVIOUS THAT TRAVEL TO KISHINEV AND MOLDAVIAN SSR MORE CONVENIENT FROM KIEV THAN FROM MOSCOW. KOMPLEKTOV REPLIED THAT OUR PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED AND THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER THEIR PROPOSAL APPROPRIATE AND BALANCED IN TERMS OF AREA AND POPULATION.

4. DCM ALSO INQUIRED REGARDING STATUS OF OUR REQUEST FOR FACILITIES. KOMPLEKTOV ANSWERED THAT THEY WORKING ON IT, BUT WISHED TO SETTLE QUESTION OF DISTRICTS FIRST.

5. COMMENT: WE CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT -- THOUGH PERHAPS NOT SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT TO DELAY NEGOTIATIONS INDEFINITELY--TO INCLUDE MOLDAVIAN SSR IN KIEV DISTRICT. RECOMMEND, THEREFORE THAT DEPARTMENT MAKE OR AUTHORIZE COUNTERPROPOSAL DROPPING THE THREE ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICTS IN RSFSR WHICH WE REQUESTED, BUT INCLUDING MOLDAVIA. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD NOT BE INCONSISTENT, IN TERMS OF PROPORTIONAL AREA AND POPULATION, WITH DISTRICT SOVIETS HAVE PROPOSED FOR NEW YORK.

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